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TUROK
DINOSAUR HUNTER
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NO... PLEASE...!
...NO...!
RRRA
ARRR

SHOOT IT, TUROK! SHOOT IT!
NO! I PROMISED REGAN... NO KILLING UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!
(PLEASE!)
(SAVE ME!)
DON'T PULL THAT ON ME, TEACHER! IT'S SOMETHIN' ELSE THIS TIME!
YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO SAVE THAT GUY, DO YOU?
HE'S OUR ENEMY, ANDY!
HE CAN FEND FOR HIMSELF.

YEAH. RIGHT.
WELL, I CAN'T STAND BY AND WATCH THAT POOR DUDE BECOME SOME UGLY LIZARD'S BREAKFAST!
ANDY!
ANDY! NO! HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THOSE MEAT EATERS WE RAN INTO YESTERDAY.
BANG BANG BANG
RRRAA
RRRAA
WHAT GIVES?! I KNOW I HIT SOME VITAL SPOTS! I--
--UHMPH!
R-R-R-R-R
TAKKA TAKKA
I TOLD YOU-- THIS ONE'S BUILT DIFFERENTLY!
GET OUT OF THE WAY! NOW HE KNOWS THAT WE'RE A THREAT!

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TAKKA TAKKA
AT LEAST HE'S NOT GOING TO EAT THE CAVE-DUDE NOW!
NO...NOW HE'S COMING AFTER US!
IN THE LOST LAND YOUR GRANDFATHER AND I WATCHED THE ANIMALS FIGHT...
TAKKA TAKKA
TAKKA TA
...TO LEARN WHAT THEIR WEAKNESSES WERE!
KA
WHEN THE THREE-HORNED BEASTS FOUGHT ONEG LIKE THIS...
VIP VIP VIP
...THEY WOULD ALWAYS STRIKE AT THE BELLY!
YOU'RE DOING IT! YOU HURT HIM!
YES... BUT NOT ENOUGH!
AAAARRR!
VIP
VIP

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RUN, BOY!
DO NOT FEAR, MY KIOWA COHORTS...
... PROFESSOR DARWIN CHALLENGER IS AT THE FLANK!
AREEENK
RAAARR?
YOW!
REEENK
THAT CRITTER'S TOUGH HIDE OUGHT TO KEEP HIM OCCUPIED FOR AWHILE!
COVER ME! I'M GOING FOR THE CAVEMAN!
ANDY!
CHOMP

HUMPH.
JUST LIKE HIS GRANDFATHER.
<THANK YOU, YOUNG ONE! THANK YOU!>
CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD YOU'RE SAYIN', DUDE! QUIT YOUR JABBERIN' UNTIL WE GET INTO THE WOODS!
<YOU HAVE SAVED WORMFEEDER! HIS LIFE IS YOURS!>
<EXACTLY.>
<TELL ME NOW. WHERE IS THE WOMAN?>

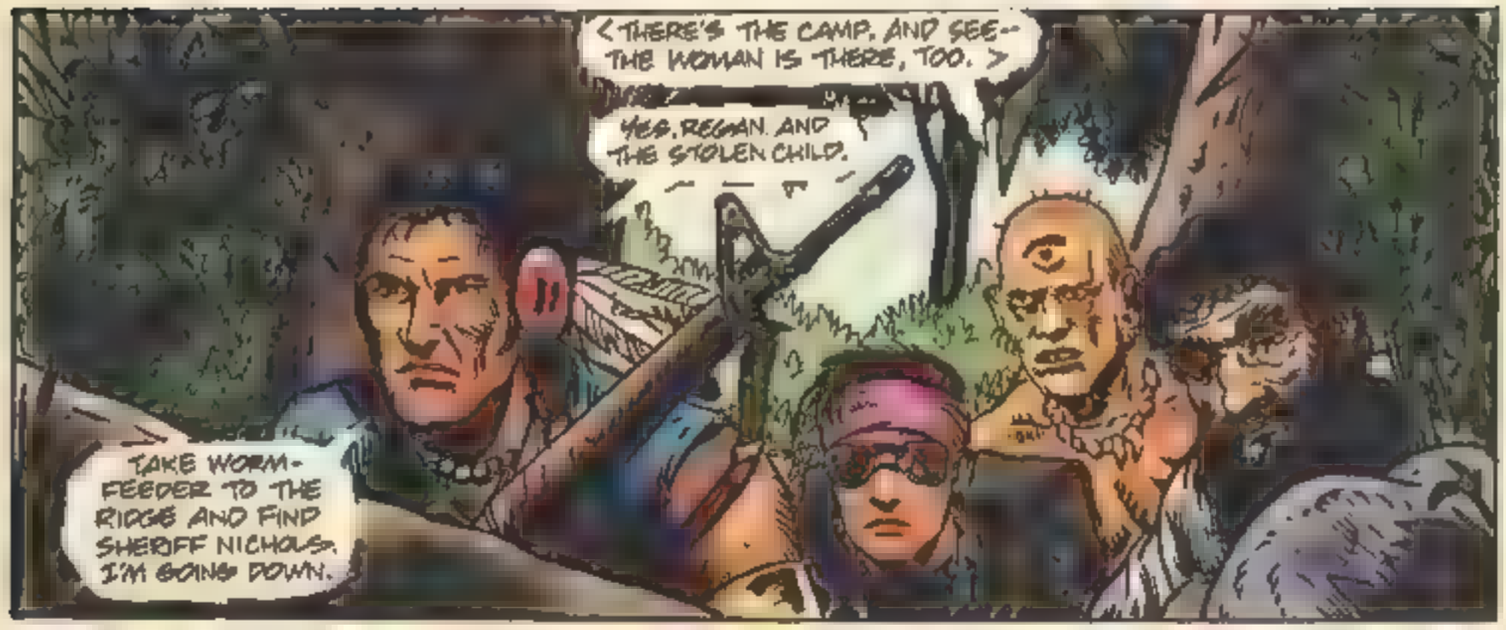
< WORMFEEDER CANNOT TELL YOU THAT! >
< SHE HAS BEEN ADOPTED INTO THE PEOPLE! SHE IS ONE OF US NOW! WORM-FEEDER CANNOT BE-TRAY HER--OR HIS CLAN! >
< WORMFEEDER'S CLAN BETRAYED HIM! THEY--AND THEIR LEADER CHICHAK--LEFT HIM TO BE EAT-EN BY HE WHO SLAYS! >
< WORMFEEDER WAS A SACRIFICE. HIS DEATH WAS TO BE A GREAT HONOR. >
< WORMFEEDER CAN STILL DIE. >
< YES. >
< COME. THE CAMP IS THIS WAY. >

"AT THE UNIVERSITY, I KEPT A 3.9 AVERAGE IN 'LOST LANGUAGES'."
"IT WAS MY WORST CLASS."
"NOW I'M THE PRISONER OF A LOST PEOPLE... A TRIBE WHO, LIKE TUROK, HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED THROUGH TIME FROM A PLACE CALLED THE LOST LAND."
"I ONLY PRAY THAT TUROK, ANDY, AND CHALLENGER SURVIVED, AND THAT THEY FIND ME BEFORE THE SHERIFF'S DEADLINE RUNS OUT."
"LORD KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SHERIFF NICHOLS AND HIS LOCALS SUDDENLY DESCENDED UPON THESE PEOPLE."
"LIKE TUROK, THEY REPRESENT A LOST LINK TO OUR PAST."
"THE SPIDER PEOPLE HAVE TO BE HANDLED CAREFULLY. THEY HAVE TO BE OBSERVED."
"THEIR ANCIENT CULTURE HAS SURVIVED THE CENTURIES."
"THEY MIGHT SEEM ALIEN TO US--BUT THEY AREN'T AS BRUTALLY PRIMITIVE AS THEY MIGHT FIRST APPEAR."

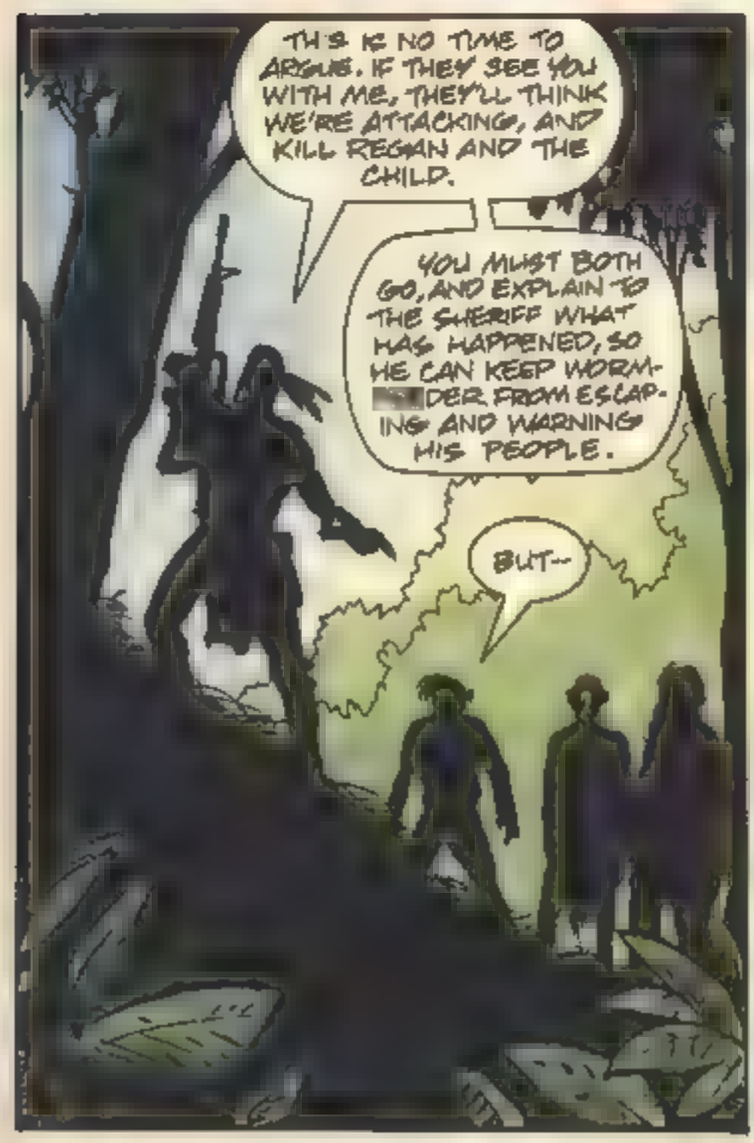
"THEY KNOW THEIR CULTURE IS IN DANGER. THERE ARE MANY MEN--ONLY ONE OLD WOMAN."
"THAT'S WHY THEY KIDNAPPED THE LITTLE GIRL--AND WHY THEY CAPTURED ME."
"IT'S AN OLD TRADITION--COMMON AMONG HUNTER-GATHERER SOCIETIES EVERYWHERE. THEY TAKE PRISONERS TO PROVIDE THE NEW BLOOD WHICH THEIR BAND NEEDS TO SURVIVE."
"SO THEY'VE ADOPTED THE CHILD AND ME, KNOWING THAT WE CAN GIVE THEIR TRIBE A FRESH START IN THIS STRANGE NEW LAND."
"I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAY--TO LEARN WHAT I CAN ABOUT THEM--TO HELP MAKE THEIR TRANSITION INTO THIS MODERN WORLD EASIER."
"FOR THAT TIME IS DEFINITELY COMING--AND COMING SOON."
<NOW!>
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING--?!
NO!
AAGGH!
<HOLD HER! HOLD HER!>

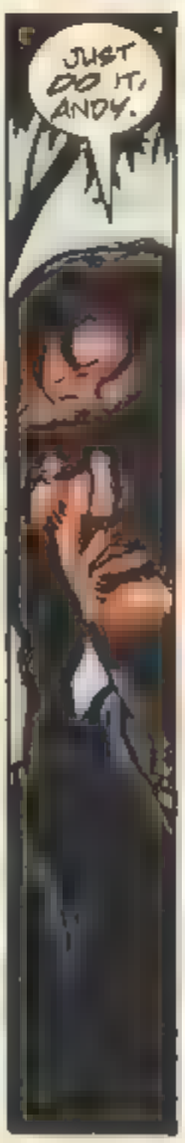
<NO!>
<CHICHAK!>
<UURRK!>
<COWARDS! YOU ACT LIKE ANIMALS.. NOT MEN!>
<GO! YOU WILL BE JUDGED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING!>
<ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, WOMAN?>
<I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF, CHICHAK>
<HOWEVER.. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DID.>

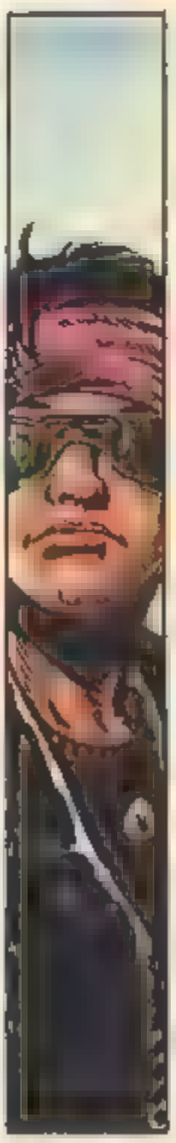
<YOU'RE A BRAVE WOMAN-- ONE WHO IS TRULY WORTHY OF KINSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE SPIDER.>
<COME OR GO AS YOU PLEASE. YOU'RE FREE -- LIKE ME, YOUR NEW FAMILY.>
<AGAIN... I THANK YOU, CHICHAK. I'LL STAY... FOR NOW.>
<BUT WE MUST TALK. THERE'S MUCH ABOUT THIS WORLD THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.>
<IT'S GOOD THAT YOU STAY.>
<WE'LL TALK LATER. FIRST, I MUST HAVE MEN TO CHECK THE RIVER, TO SEE IF THE SACRIFICE WAS ACCEPTED.>


< THERE'S THE CAMP. AND SEE-- THE WOMAN IS THERE, TOO. >
YES. REGAN AND THE STOLEN CHILD.
TAKE WORM-FEEDER TO THE RIDGE AND FIND SHERIFF NICHOLS. I'M GOING DOWN.

NOT WITHOUT ME! I'VE WAITED ALL MY LIFE FOR THE CHANCE TO FOLLOW IN MY GRAND-FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS! I'M NOT LEAVING NOW!


THIS IS NO TIME TO ARGUE. IF THEY SEE YOU WITH ME, THEY'LL THINK WE'RE ATTACKING, AND KILL REGAN AND THE CHILD.
YOU MUST BOTH GO, AND EXPLAIN TO THE SHERIFF WHAT HAS HAPPENED, SO HE CAN KEEP WORM-[redacted]DER FROM ESCAPING AND WARNING HIS PEOPLE.
BUT--


JUST DO IT, ANDY.



HARDHEADED OLD KIOWA.
COME ON, CHAL. LET'S FIND THAT RIDGE.

<CHICHAK!>
<THE SACRIFICE IS GONE! HE WHO SLAYS HAS TAKEN WORM-FEEDER!>
<GOOD. NOW MAYBE HE'LL LEAVE US ALONE FOR AWHILE.>
<IT'S NOT HE WHO SLAYS WHOM YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT, CHICHAK!>
<I COME IN PEACE. BUT I WARN YOU--LET REGAN GO, OR YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL SUFFER GREATLY.>
AHHSSS

TUROK! YOU'RE ALIVE! I KNEW IT!
<SO! THE TRAITOR OF THE LOST LAND IS AS LUCKY IN THIS WORLD AS HE WAS IN OUR OLD ONE!>
<DON'T THREATEN ME, VILLAIN! THE WOMAN STAYS!>
<I THOUGHT YOU SAID I WAS FREE TO COME AND GO AS I PLEASED!>
<YOU ARE.. BUT NOT WITH HIM!>
<I'M WARNING YOU, CH CHAK. LET HER GO>
HA!
<TELL ME, TRAITOR--HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO ESCAPE THE BEASTS AT THE RIVER?>
TA-KOW

<BEWARE, CHICHAK! WITH THIS WEAPON I KILLED THOSE BEASTS--AND MANY OTHERS! WITH IT I CAN ALSO SLAY YOU!>
<RELEASE MY FRIEND!>
<HE WIELDS A GREAT POWER, CHICHAK- MAGIC LIKE THAT OF FALSE WITCH-MOTHER IN OUR OLD LAND!>
<I MUST READ BLOOD ABOUT THIS!>
WAHH!
<HEED ME, PEOPLE OF THE SPIDER, AND ATTEND MY WORDS! I SEE DIVISION AND DEATH IN THE BLOOD!>
<A BAD TIME IS COMING-- A TIME OF EVENING AND SORROW!>

"HA! THE ONLY SORROW WILL BE TURAK'S.."
"...AND THE ONLY DIVISION, THAT OF HIS LIMBS FROM HIS BODY!"
"NUG SPINE-BREAKER--SLAY THE TRAITOR!"
GARRRR!
"I'VE LEARNED MANY THINGS IN THIS LIFE, CHICHAK."
"COME... NEVER FIGHT THAT WHICH YOU CAN SIDE-STEP."
WAMP!
"ANOTHER... NEVER FEAR MEN WITH SILLY NAMES LIKE "NUG-SPINE-BREAKER."
"ARE YOU READY TO LEARN THE LESSONS OF THIS WORLD, CHICHAK?"

< THROW ASIDE THE DEVIL-WEAPON, TUROK... >
< ...AND TEACH ME! >
WUMP
< YOU ARE STILL A GOOD FIGHTER, TUROK... ONE WORTHY OF MY PEOPLE! >
UHHHF!
WAMP
< BUT YOU STINK OF METAL AND SOFTNESS! THIS WORLD MAKES YOU WEAK! >
WOK
< JOIN US! LIVE FREE AGAIN! >
< ONLY ONE OF US COULD BE CHIEF, CHICHAK! >
< YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THAT. >

TRUE, THEN MAYBE WE--
POW
--VAAAAAAGH!
CHICHAK!
POW
GET THEM BABY-STEALIN' PAGANS, BOYS!
POW
POW
BLAM
POW
SHERIFF NICHOLS AND HIS MEN!
REGAN! GET DOWN!
STOP! YOU'RE KILLING PEOPLE!
POW
VIP
VIP
HOLD YOUR FIRE! WHO STARTED THE SHOOTIN', SEACRIST?!
DR. HOWELL! YOU FOLKS ALL RIGHT?!
WE'RE FINE, SHERIFF, WE HAVE THE CHILD.
BUT YOU AND YOUR MEN HAVE A LOT TO ANSWER FOR.

THE GOVERNOR CHANGED THE DEADLINE, MISS. HE--
STEP ASIDE, SHERIFF! LET ME INSPECT THE SITUATION!
UH... MS. KEENAN... MR. McELROY... WE BROADCASTING YET?
ON THE AIR, GOVERNOR SMITH.
GOOD! I HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS FOR THIS HERE LIVE ON LOCATION PRESS CONFERENCE!
AS GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, I'M AWED TO SEE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN ACTION--AND HONORED TO HAVE PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN SAVING THE KIDNAPPED CHILD!
KNOW THAT BY THE POWERS VESTED IN ME, I HEREBY DECLARE THIS VALLEY "THE NEW RIVER STATE GAME AND DINOSAUR RESERVE"--THE ONLY ONE OF IT'S KIND IN THE WHOLE U.S. OF A.!
"RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ROUNDING UP THESE HALF-NEKKED KID-NAPPERS AND SHIPPING THEM OFF FOR STUDY!"
"AFTER THAT, IT'S OPEN SEASON ON DINOSAURS! I'LL MAKE THIS VALLEY SAFE FOR OUR LOCAL PEOPLE--AND FOR OUR TOURISTS!"
"EMERGENCY HUNTIN' PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED MONDAY--AT THE LOW, LOW PRICE OF ONLY $999.95! REGISTRATION AND GAME-TAGGIN' STATIONS ARE NOW BEIN' SET UP!"
"SO COME AND BAG YER LIMIT! THIS HERE GAME RESERVE IS NOW OPEN--BARRIN' UNFORESEEN INTERFERENCE BY THE FED'S, OF COURSE...!"

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WASH ME
WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO TO THEM, DR. HOWELL?
THEY'LL BE EVALUATED, ANDY.
THEN THEY'LL BE "REEDUCATED"...
"...CIVILIZED."
FMC
THIS PAYS $10,000 PER YEAR IN STATE ROAD TAXES
"AND TEARS UP $25,000 OF ROAD
YES. BEFORE LONG, EVERY VESTIGE OF THEIR OWN CULTURE WILL BE WIPED OUT.
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT.
ANDY...WHERE DID YOU SAY YOUR UNCLE'S PLACE WAS?
UNCLE BILE? HE'S IN UTAH. WHY?
I JUST WANT TO BE... ALONE... FOR AWHILE.
I HAVE SOME THINKING TO DO.
THE END.

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